FLASH GORDON

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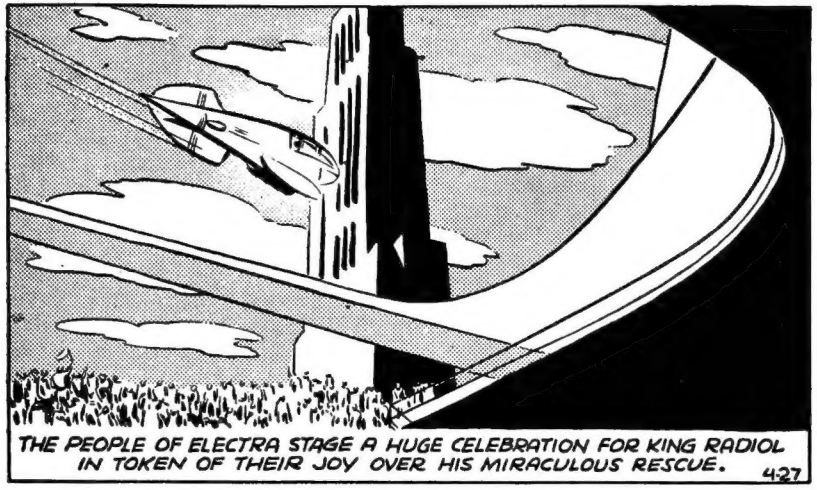
THE PEOPLE OF ELECTRA STAGE A HUGE CELEBRATION FOR KING RADIOL IN TOKEN OF THEIR JOY OVER HIS MIRACULOUS RESCUE.
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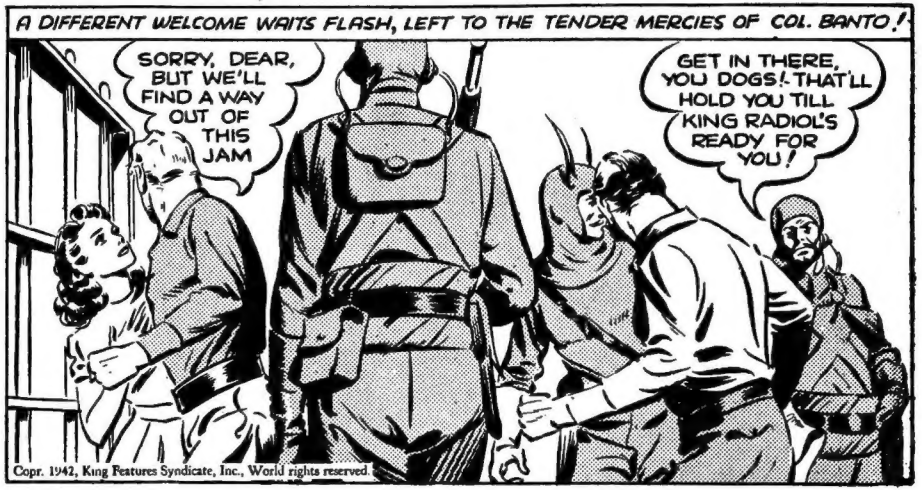
A DIFFERENT WELCOME WAITS FLASH, LEFT TO THE TENDER MERCIES OF COL. BANTO!
SORRY, DEAR, BUT WE'LL FIND A WAY OUT OF THIS JAM
GET IN THERE, YOU DOGS! THAT'LL HOLD YOU TILL KING RADIOL'S READY FOR YOU!
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I CAN'T BELIEVE RADIOL WOULD DOUBLE-CROSS US LIKE THIS-
IT'S ALL YOUR FAULT, FLASH. I COULD KILL YOU FOR PUTTING DALE IN THIS DANGER!

DALE'S DANGER MEANS MORE TO ME THAN IT POSSIBLY COULD TO YOU, RODAN, BUT THIS IS NO TIME FOR US TO QUARREL!

KING RADIOL SENT FOR YOU. I HOPE HE SENTENCES YOU TO THE RADIUM MINES, LIKE THAT RAT, PIGOR!
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GLOATINGLY, COL. BANTO MARCHES FLASH'S PARTY BEFORE THE THRONE OF ELECTRA.
HERE ARE YOUR KIDNAPERS, KING RADIOL
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I APPRECIATE YOUR LOYALTY, BUT NOT YOUR JUDGMENT. THESE ARE MY GUESTS, NOT MY PRISONERS!
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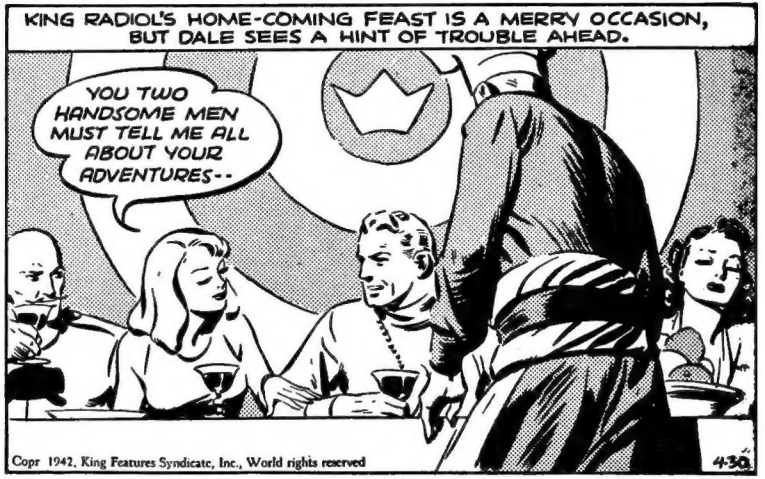
WILL YOU FORGIVE ME FOR MY OFFICER'S MISTAKE?
OF COURSE! I WAS SURE WE COULD TRUST YOU!

MY DAUGHTER, PRINCESS JOLIA, WILL GET YOU SOME NEW ATTIRE FOR THE BANQUET, DALE
YES, OF COURSE

DALE REVELS IN FEMININE LUXURY, AFTER HER MANY HARDSHIPS, WHILE JOLIA SLYLY PUMPS HER ABOUT FLASH AND RODAN.


KING RADIOL'S HOME-COMING FEAST IS A MERRY OCCASION, BUT DALE SEES A HINT OF TROUBLE AHEAD.
YOU TWO HANDSOME MEN MUST TELL ME ALL ABOUT YOUR ADVENTURES--
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THE PRINCESS OF ELECTRA GIVES MAJOR RODAN THE FIRST DANCE AT THE PALACE BALL, POSSIBLY TO MAKE FLASH JEALOUS
THIS IS MY DANCE, JOLIA
I SUPPOSE ANY MAN IS FLATTERED BY SUCH OPEN ADMIRATION.
HOW COULD ANY MAN LOOK AT HER WHEN YOU'RE AROUND?
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TIRED, HURT AND JEALOUS, DALE STEPS OUT ON THE PALACE BALCONY WITH RODAN---
DON'T WASTE YOUR TIME ON FLASH, DALE. I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU--
STEPPING ONTO THE BALCONY, FLASH IS SHOCKED TO SEE DALE IN ANOTHER MAN'S ARMS
COME BACK AND DANCE, PRINCESS-- LET'S NOT WASTE THIS MUSIC!
HE DOESN'T SEE DALE PULL AWAY INSTANTLY..
PLEASE, RODAN. YOU'RE VERY NICE, BUT--OH, I DON'T KNOW WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH ME!
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BUT SHE COMES ONTO THE BALL-ROOM FLOOR IN TIME TO SEE FLASH STOPPING THE DANCE BY A SPECTACULAR EXHIBITION WITH JOLIA
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NEXT WEEK: THE MENACE OF THE MINES----

THE "ELECTRA" LIGHTS MARK MY NATION'S WEALTH-- OUR RADIUM MINES!
KING RADIOL TAKES HIS GUESTS ONTO THE GREAT PALACE BALCONY 5-4
MY NATIVE LAND ON THE DISTANT PLANET, EARTH, IS FIGHTING FOR ITS LIFE, THAT RADIUM WOULD GIVE US RAY-WEAPONS -- CAN WE BUY SOME?
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I'LL SHOW YOU NEW WAYS TO USE RADIUM-POWER--I'LL GIVE YOU ANYTHING IN THE REPUBLIC OF MONGO---
PLEASE, FATHER
IF YOU WISH, JULIA
FATHER, MAY I GO WITH FLASH ON THE RADIUM-MINING EXPEDITION?
BY TAO, NO, JOLIA.. IT'S TOO DANGEROUS!
I WONDER IF FATHER REALLY THINKS I WON'T GO?--THESE ARE THE MOST INTERESTING MEN I'VE EVER SEEN!
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ENOUGH RADIUM-POWER FOR SPACE-ROCKETS TO EARTH, AND FOR WEAPONS TO SAFE-GUARD DEMOCRACY FOREVER!
I STILL DON'T TRUST THAT WOMAN!
MEANWHILE, "THOSE MEN" MAKE PLANS

GET A SQUAD OF VOLUNTEERS TO TAKE FLASH TO THE RADIUM MINES
BUT....THESE FOREIGNERS?. VERY WELL, SIRE!
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A THOUSAND GOLD ELECTROLS AND A CAPTAINCY TO EACH VOLUNTEER---
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YOU SEE HOW DANGEROUS IT IS, DALE--ONLY TWO OR THREE VOLUNTEERS--YOU CAN'T GO!
I WILL!

I'LL SEE THAT YOUR SOLDIER SWEETHEART ISN'T PUNISHED FOR LOSING HIS UNIFORM--
5-7
AS THE RADIUM-MINE EXPEDITION PREPARES, PRINCESS JOLIA BRIBES HER MAID!

DON'T TELL MY FATHER TILL I'M INSIDE THE WALLS OF THE MINE-FIELDS OR I'LL HAVE YOU KILLED!
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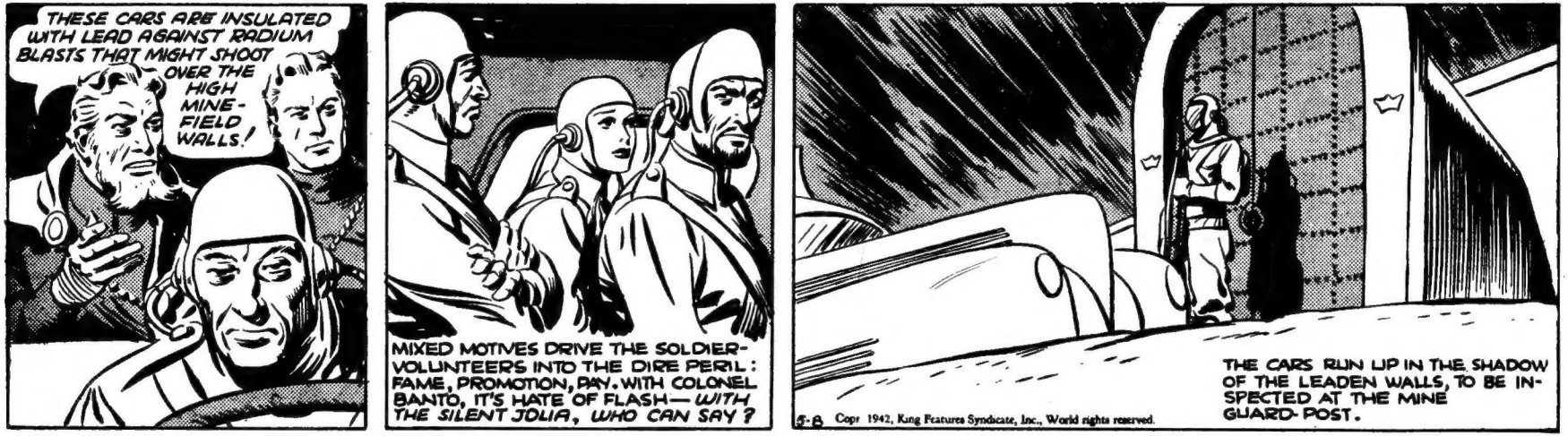
OH, NO, YOUR MAJESTY!
WHAT, ANOTHER FOOL OR HERO? I THOUGHT ONLY FIVE VOLUNTEERED. FALL IN, SOLDIER! WE, WHO ARE ABOUT TO DIE, SALUTE YOU!


THESE CARS ARE INSULATED WITH LEAD AGAINST RADIUM BLASTS THAT MIGHT SHOOT OVER THE HIGH MINE-FIELD WALLS!
MIXED MOTIVES DRIVE THE SOLDIER-VOLUNTEERS INTO THE DIRE PERIL: FAME, PROMOTION, PAY. WITH COLONEL BANTO, IT'S HATE OF FLASH— WITH THE SILENT JOLIA, WHO CAN SAY?
THE CARS RUN UP IN THE SHADOW OF THE LEADEN WALLS, TO BE INSPECTED AT THE MINE GUARD-POST.
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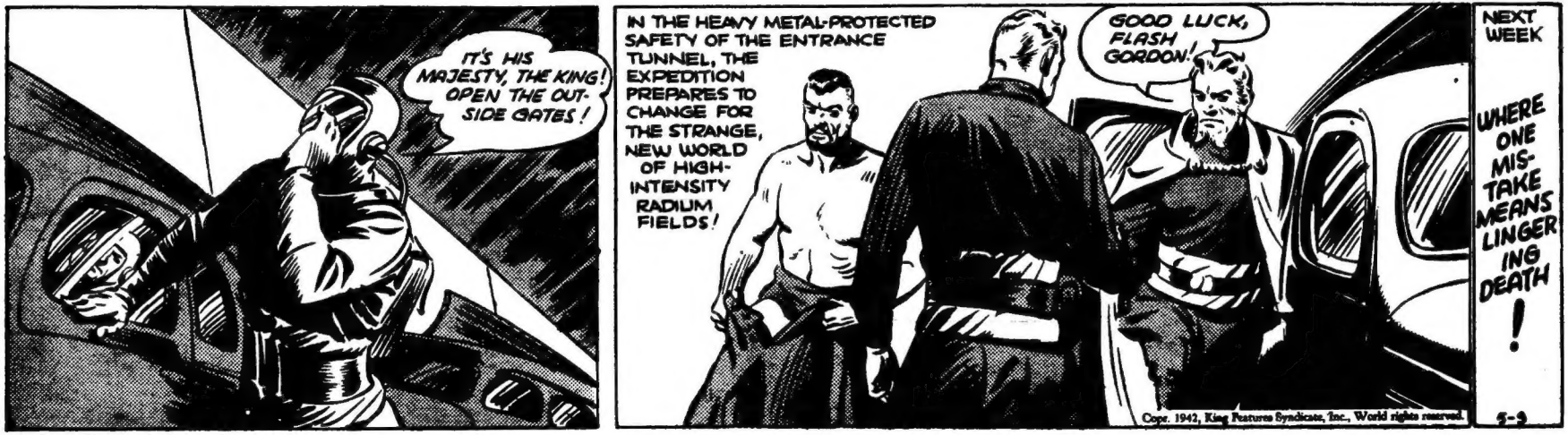
IT'S HIS MAJESTY, THE KING! OPEN THE OUTSIDE GATES!
IN THE HEAVY METAL-PROTECTED SAFETY OF THE ENTRANCE TUNNEL, THE EXPEDITION PREPARES TO CHANGE FOR THE STRANGE, NEW WORLD OF HIGH-INTENSITY RADIUM FIELDS!
GOOD LUCK, FLASH GORDON!
NEXT WEEK
WHERE ONE MISTAKE MEANS LINGERING DEATH!
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FLASH HELPS DALE INTO HER LEAD-MESH SUIT AND LEAD-GLASS HELMET, AS THEY PREPARE TO ENTER THE DANGEROUS RADIUM-MINE COUNTRY
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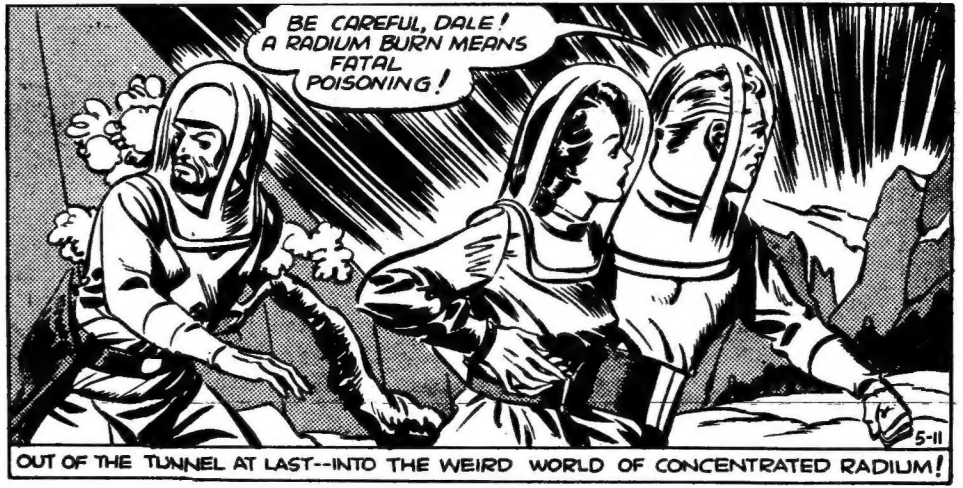
BUT FOR THE FIRST TIME IN HER LIFE, NOBODY ASSISTS PRINCESS JOLIA --- FOR SHE'S DISGUISED AS A SOLDIER-VOLUNTEER


BE CAREFUL, DALE! A RADIUM BURN MEANS FATAL POISONING!
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OUT OF THE TUNNEL AT LAST--INTO THE WEIRD WORLD OF CONCENTRATED RADIUM!

COME ON! DON'T HOLD BACK, MY LITTLE HEROES! MARCH!
THE DISGUISED PRINCESS JOLIA TRIES TO HIDE HER TERROR -- LUCKILY, COLONEL BANTO'S OTHER VOLUNTEERS ARE JUST AS JITTERY - - - - - 5-12

GRIMLY, BANTO LEADS FLASH, THE MAN HE HATES, INTO A RADIUM MINE!!
YOUR MEN ARE WELL-PROTECTED?
YES, THE SLAVES KILL US, IF THEY CAN!
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COLONEL BANTO UNLOCKS THE DOOR-AND FLASH STANDS AGHAST AT THE SIGHT OF THIS INFERNO!
WHO ARE THESE WORKERS ?
SLAVES - WE LET TRAITORS AND MURDERERS CHOOSE BETWEEN DEATH AND THE MINES. SOME FOOLS CHOOSE LIFE!
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DON'T THE POOR CONVICTS SUFFER ?
NO. ONCE INURED BY EXPOSURE, THEY'RE ALL RIGHT. AS LONG AS THEY STAY HERE OUTSIDE, THEY'D DIE QUICKLY-- AND THEIR TOUCH WOULD KILL!
MOST OF THE SLAVES SULLENLY KEEP ON WORKING, BUT ONE TURNS TOWARD THE GROUP OF SOLDIERS AND VISITORS--
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LOOK OUT, FLASH, IT'S PIGOR!
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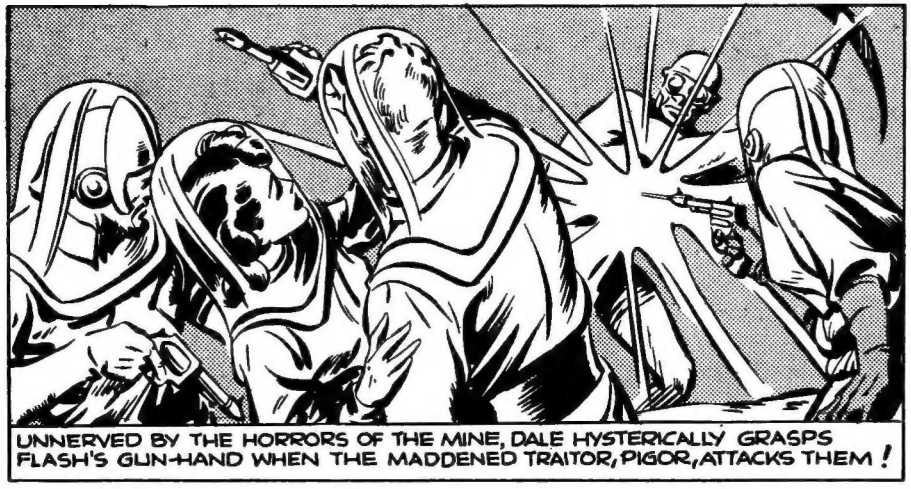
UNNERVED BY THE HORRORS OF THE MINE, DALE HYSTERICALLY GRASPS FLASH'S GUN-HAND WHEN THE MADDENED TRAITOR, PIGOR, ATTACKS THEM!

TAKE THAT, YOU STUPID FOOL!
I'M SORRY I LOST MY HEAD, FLASH, BUT THIS IS SO AWFUL!
YOU LOST YOUR HEAD, TOO, COL. BANTO-- OR DID YOU?
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THEY GIVE ME FAINTING COWARDS FOR SOLDIERS!--HERE, SLAVES, PICK UP THIS FELLOW, PIGOR-- HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT AFTER THE PARALYZO-RAY WEARS OFF
OH--I SHOT A MAN!
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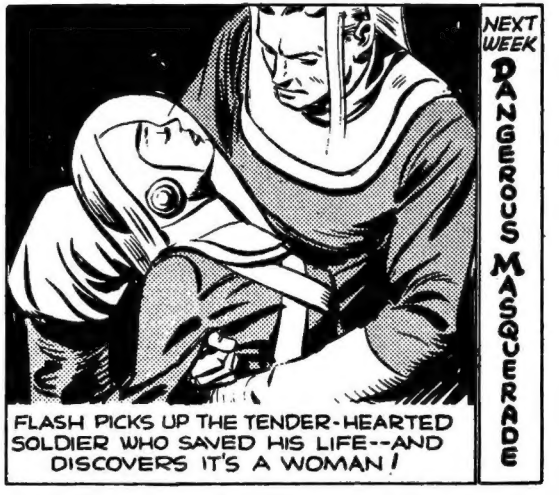
FLASH PICKS UP THE TENDER-HEARTED SOLDIER WHO SAVED HIS LIFE--AND DISCOVERS IT'S A WOMAN!
NEXT WEEK
DANGEROUS MASQUERADE

THANK YOU FOR SAVING MY LIFE!
GRATEFUL TO THE SOLDIER, FLASH CONCEALS HIS AMAZING DISCOVERY THAT IT'S A WOMAN IN DISGUISE!

COLONEL BANTO IS NOT SO GRATEFUL!
SO YOU FAINT AT THE SOUND OF GUN-FIRE? BACK IN THE RANKS, SOLDIER

IT'S ALL RIGHT, FLASH!
TAKE IT EASY, BANTO. THE SOLDIER STOPPED THAT MANIAC, PIGOR, WHILE YOU DID NOTHING. YOU OUGHT TO REWARD HIM, NOT ADMONISH HIM!
WHAT, YOU--
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COL. BANTO TRIES TO COVER UP THE FACT THAT HE ALMOST LET FLASH GET KILLED!
I WAS SO STARTLED -- THE SLAVES HARDLY EVER REBEL. THEY'RE SCARED OF OUR PARALYZO-RAY GUNS

THEY MOVE ON TO THE SMELTER PLANT
WE USE THE RADIUM'S OWN ENERGY TO REFINE IT INTO CONCENTRATED URANIUM ISOTOPE -- YOUR ROCKET AND RAY-GUN POWDER! THIS EXPLOSIVE COULD WRECK HALF THE PLANET!
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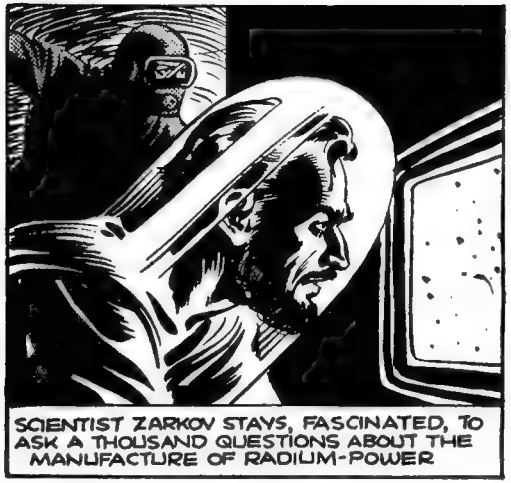
SCIENTIST ZARKOV STAYS, FASCINATED, TO ASK A THOUSAND QUESTIONS ABOUT THE MANUFACTURE OF RADIUM-POWER

BUT FOR THE MOMENT, FLASH IS IMPATIENT TO GET AWAY. HE HAS TO SOLVE THE MYSTERY OF BANTO AND THE GIRL-SOLDIER
LEAD BOXES FULL OF PURE RAY-POWDER
FINE. NOW LET'S GO TO OUR QUARTERS. DALE MUST BE TIRED--
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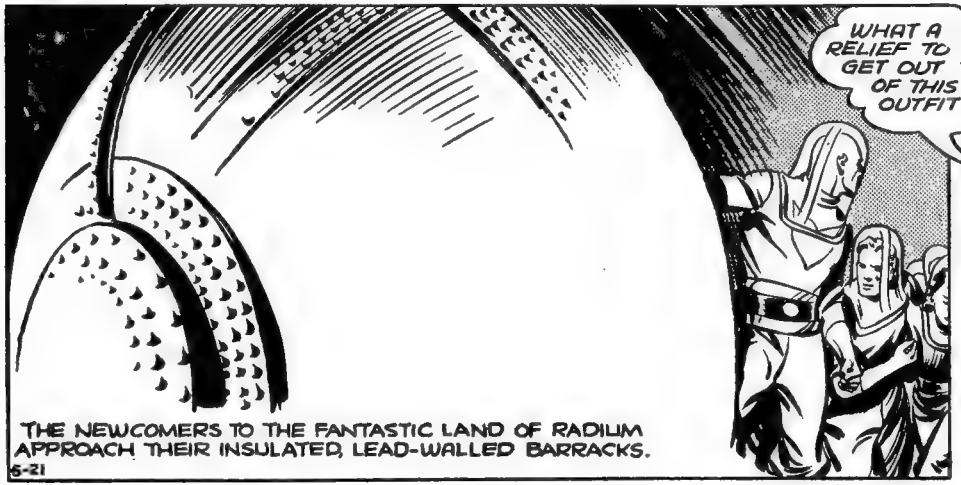
IT'S SWEET OF YOU TO WORRY ABOUT ME, WHEN IT WAS YOU WHO WERE IN DANGER


WHAT A RELIEF TO GET OUT OF THIS OUTFIT!
THE NEWCOMERS TO THE FANTASTIC LAND OF RADIUM APPROACH THEIR INSULATED, LEAD-WALLED BARRACKS.
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SAFE INSIDE THE BARRACKS HALL, THEY TAKE OFF THEIR LEAD-MESH, LEAD-GLASS UNIFORMS THAT PROTECTED THEM FROM RADIUM POISONING
WAIT AND SEE-- YOU FOREIGNERS WON'T LIKE IT HERE!
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I'M STARVED! THIS STRANGE AIR GAVE ME AN APPETITE!
THE AIR IS FILLED WITH FLASHES FROM THE RADIUM MINES--THAT HELPS KEEP THE RADIUM-POISONED SLAVES ALIVE

DRIVEN BY CURIOSITY ABOUT THE GIRL-SOLDIER, FLASH BREAKS AWAY EARLY.
EXCUSE ME, DEAR, I'LL BE BACK SOON--
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OH, WHAT DO YOU WANT ?
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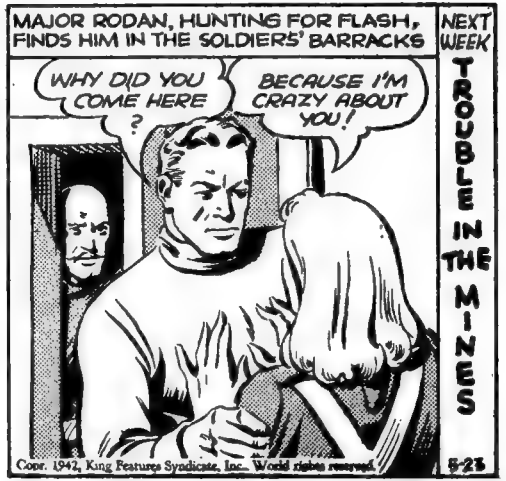
I HOPE YOU DON'T MIND IF I BORROW ONE OF YOUR K.P. STAFF - THIS SOLDIER SAVED MY LIFE THIS AFTERNOON
ALL RIGHT, SIR. KING RADIOL PUT YOU IN CHARGE OF EVERYTHING HERE

PLEASE DON'T BE FRIGHTENED, I'M GRATEFUL TO YOU-- I WANT TO HELP YOU, IF YOU'RE IN A JAM. WHO ARE YOU?
I'M PRINCESS JOLIA. DON'T YOU REMEMBER ME ?


MAJOR RODAN, HUNTING FOR FLASH, FINDS HIM IN THE SOLDIERS' BARRACKS
WHY DID YOU COME HERE ?
BECAUSE I'M CRAZY ABOUT YOU!
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NEXT WEEK
TROUBLE IN THE MINES

DOES YOUR FATHER KNOW YOU'RE HERE IN THIS DANGEROUS COUNTRY, PRINCESS JOLIA ?
NO, FLASH, I CAME IN DISGUISE, JUST TO SEE YOU AGAIN !

FLASH IS ON THE SPOT. HE OWES HIS LIFE TO JOLIA, WHO SAVED HIM FROM THE TRAITOR, PIGOR--AND HE MUST NOT MAKE AN ENEMY OF KING RADIOL, WHO IS PROVIDING WEAPONS FOR EARTH'S FIGHT FOR FREEDOM---
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DALE MUST LEARN THAT FLASH IS NOT TO BE TRUSTED

YOU MAY HATE ME FOR THIS, DALE, BUT IT'S ONLY FAIR THAT YOU SHOULD KNOW--
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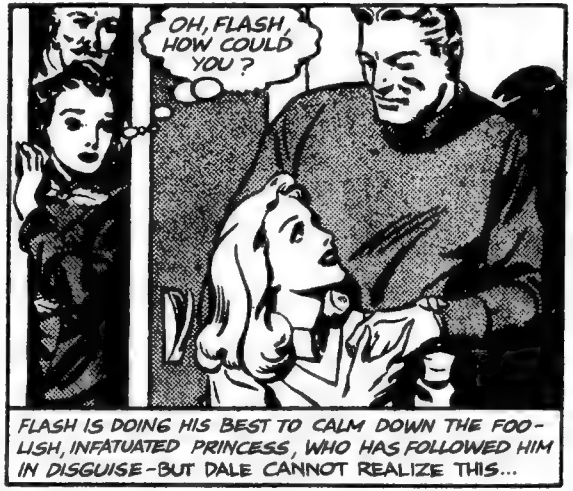
OH, FLASH, HOW COULD YOU ?
FLASH IS DOING HIS BEST TO CALM DOWN THE FOOLISH, INFATUATED PRINCESS, WHO HAS FOLLOWED HIM IN DISGUISE-BUT DALE CANNOT REALIZE THIS...

AREN'T YOU GOING TO DO SOMETHING ?
NO, I'LL NOT GIVE HIM THE SATISFACTION OF KNOWING HOW HE HAS HURT ME.

I'LL KEEP THE SECRET OF YOUR DISGUISE, JOLIA, BUT YOU MUST GO BACK TO YOUR FATHER WITH THE FIRST RADIUM CONVOY--
MAYBE

HOW ABOUT COMING DOWN TO THE RADIUM MINES WITH ME, DEAR?
NO, INDEED! YOU'D BETTER GO WITH SOME OF YOUR--- SOLDIERS
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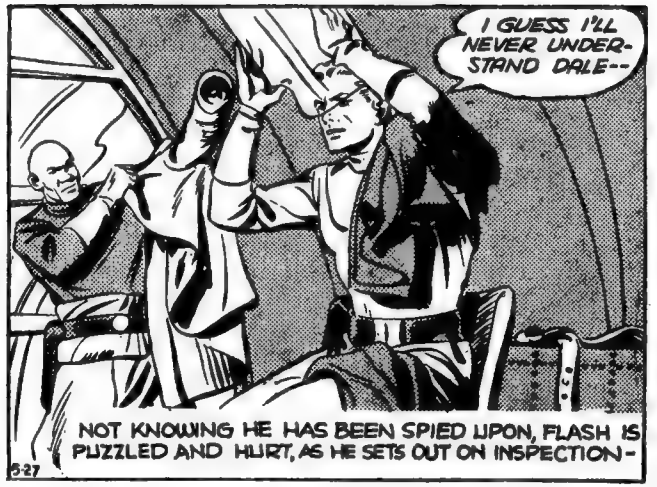
I GUESS I'LL NEVER UNDER-STAND DALE--
NOT KNOWING HE HAS BEEN SPIED UPON, FLASH IS PUZZLED AND HURT, AS HE SETS OUT ON INSPECTION-
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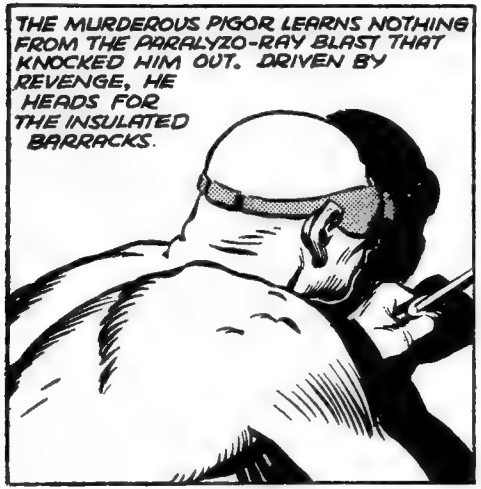
THE MURDEROUS PIGOR LEARNS NOTHING FROM THE PARALYZO-RAY BLAST THAT KNOCKED HIM OUT. DRIVEN BY REVENGE, HE HEADS FOR THE INSULATED BARRACKS.

FLASH, HEEDLESS OF RADIUM-LAND'S SAFETY RULES, SETS OUT ALONE FOR THE MINES. PIGOR'S FACE, GLOWING WITH RADIO-ACTIVE LIGHT, IS A MASK OF INTENSE HATE.
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BUT "SOLDIER", DISGUISED PRINCESS JOLIA, SECRETLY FOLLOWS TO PROTECT FLASH! PIGOR CHANGES HIS PLAN OF ATTACK--TO ADD ANOTHER VICTIM!
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HELP!
DRIVEN BY HER LOVE TO FOLLOW AND GUARD FLASH, PRINCESS JOLIA SUDDENLY SENSES THAT SHE, HERSELF, IS IN DANGER---

PIGOR'S SURPRISE ATTACK CATCHES HER OFF-GUARD!
I'LL KILL YOU AND THEN SHOOT FLASH WITH YOUR GUN, SOLDIER!
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BUT JOLIA'S CRY FOR HELP IS ANSWERED TOO SWIFTLY FOR PIGOR'S COMFORT--
YOU-- MONSTER!

WITH MAD HASTE THE ROUTED MURDERER, PIGOR, HIDES BEHIND A BOULDER AND SCURRIES OFF IN THE DARKNESS, FOLLOWED BY FLASH'S PARALYZO-RAY BLASTS--
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DID HE HURT YOU, JOLIA?
NO, THANKS TO YOUR QUICKNESS, YOU SAVED MY LIFE, FLASH-- YOU WONDERFUL MAN!
NEXT WEEK
PIGOR'S PLOT!
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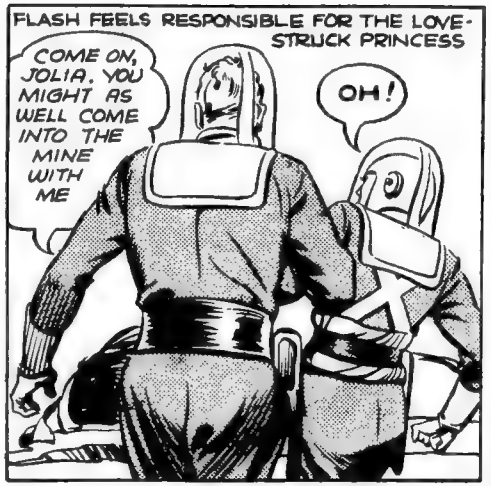
THAT MINER MIGHT HAVE KILLED YOU! YOU SHOULDN'T BE OUT HERE ALONE!
I'M NOT ALONE, NOW, FLASH!


FLASH FEELS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LOVE-STRUCK PRINCESS
COME ON, JOLIA. YOU MIGHT AS WELL COME INTO THE MINE WITH ME
OH!

FLASH FINALLY LOCATES HIS COMRADE, ZARKOV, IN THE RADIUM REFINERY
DON'T INTERRUPT ME, FLASH, IF THIS RADIUM-POWER GOT OUT OF CONTROL, IT COULD BLOW UP THE WHOLE COUNTRY
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THE FLEEING ASSASSIN, PIGOR, FEARS FLASH'S WRATH MORE THAN THE FIERY BLASTS OF A RADIUM VENT-HOLE

DAZED, BUT UNHARMED, WITH THE STRANGE IMMUNITY THE SLAVE-MINERS GAIN THROUGH LONG EXPOSURE TO RADIUM, PIGOR HAUNTS THE MINE'S BY-WAYS.
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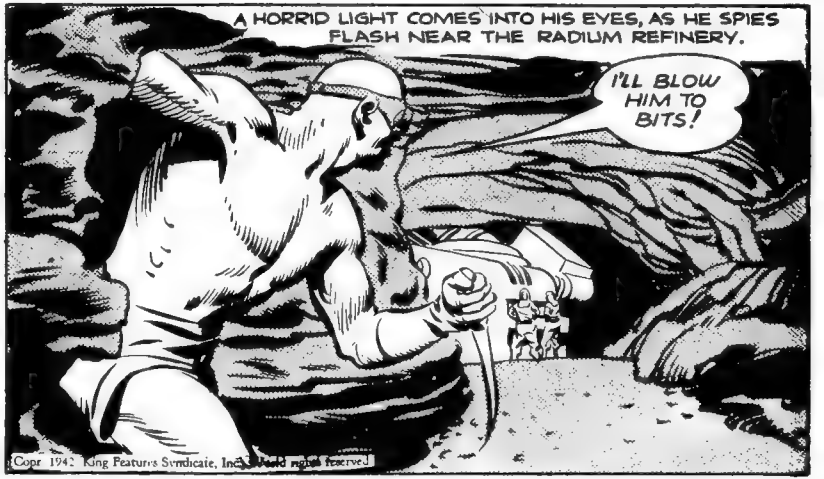
A HORRID LIGHT COMES INTO HIS EYES, AS HE SPIES FLASH NEAR THE RADIUM REFINERY.
I'LL BLOW HIM TO BITS!
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PIGOR CREEPS THROUGH THE CONVICTS' QUARTERS--WHERE HE HAS LONG AGO HIDDEN A STORE OF BLASTING-RADIUM, STOLEN FROM THE MINES.

WITH ALL THESE CONVICT WORKERS AROUND, WE OUGHT TO TAKE MORE PRECAUTIONS AGAINST SABOTAGE, JOLIA.
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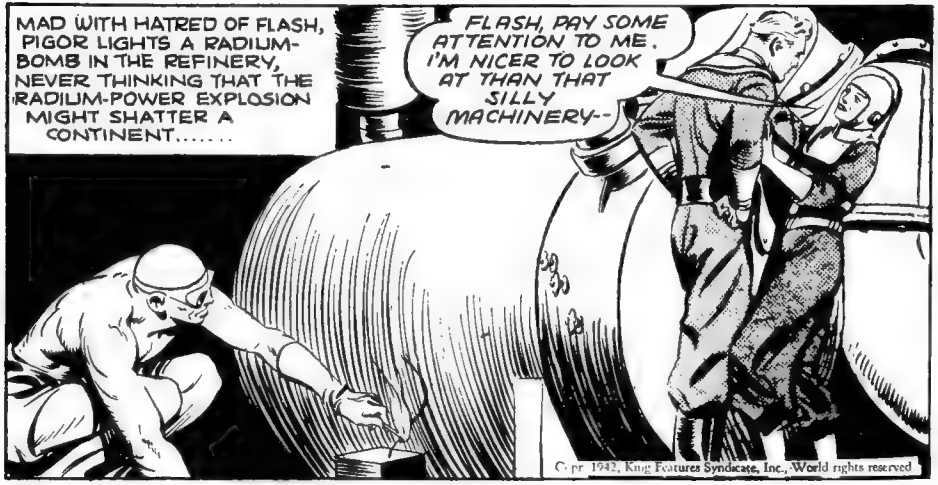
MAD WITH HATRED OF FLASH, PIGOR LIGHTS A RADIUM-BOMB IN THE REFINERY, NEVER THINKING THAT THE RADIUM-POWER EXPLOSION MIGHT SHATTER A CONTINENT.....
FLASH, PAY SOME ATTENTION TO ME. I'M NICER TO LOOK AT THAN THAT SILLY MACHINERY--
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FLASH'S KEEN EARS CATCH THE SOUND OF PIGOR'S HASTY RETREAT.
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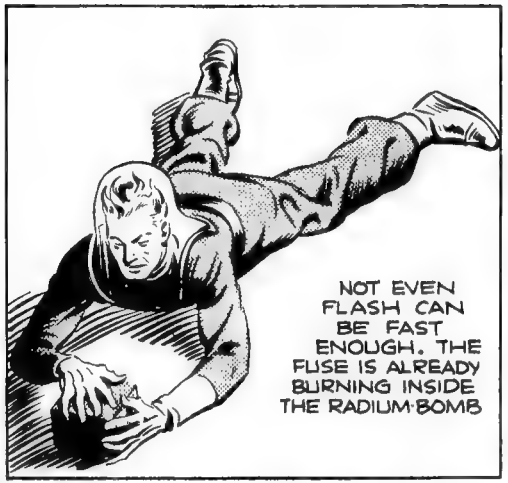
JOLIA SEES THE BOMB. SHE'S TENSE WITH HORROR
LOOK!


NOT EVEN FLASH CAN BE FAST ENOUGH. THE FUSE IS ALREADY BURNING INSIDE THE RADIUM-BOMB

HIDE, EVERYBODY! I'LL TRY TO GET THIS AWAY FROM THE RADIUM FURNACES BEFORE IT EXPLODES!
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JUST AS THE SPUTTERING RADIUM-BOMB REACHES THE EXPLOSION POINT, FLASH SEES A MINE-VENT HOLE.

MOST OF THE EXPLOSION IS WASTED ON THE OUTER AIR, BUT THE KICK-BACK SHATTERS THE MINE ROOF, BURYING THE GALLANT FLASH UNDER HEAVY DEBRIS.

JOLIA IS TERRIFIED BY THE BLAST, BUT FOLLOWS THE LOYAL ZARKOV
FLASH! OH, FLASH! DID IT HURT YOU?
6-6
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NEXT WEEK
A MURDERER'S WORK!

HE SAVED US FROM THE RADIUM-BOMB AT THE RISK OF HIS LIFE!
WE MUST TRY TO SAVE HIM FROM BEING CRUSHED BY THE DEBRIS!
6-8
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HE DOESN'T SEEM CRUSHED, UNLESS THERE ARE INTERNAL INJURIES
HE'S LUCKY, IF THAT'S ALL - IF ONE OF THOSE RADIO-ACTIVE ROCKS PIERCED HIS LEAD-MESH CLOTHING, HE'S DOOMED!
WITH FRANTIC HASTE, ZARKOV RUSHES FLASH TO THE MINE HOSPITAL
FLASH, UNCONSCIOUS, IS RUSHED INTO THE LEAD-WALLED EMERGENCY RECEIVING-ROOM OF THE MINE HOSPITAL
HAS THE POOR FELLOW BEEN EXPOSED TO RADIUM?
WE DON'T KNOW, DOCTOR
6-9
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WITH BATED BREATH, THEY WATCH THE DOCTOR TEST FLASH WITH THE ELECTRO-SCOPE - IF IT SHOWS A RADIUM CHARGE, FLASH IS DOOMED FOREVER
THANK TAO, HE WASN'T SCRATCHED!
GOOD!

IN THE RADIUM WORLD OF ELECTRA EVEN THE PROCEDURE OF THE HOSPITALS IS STRANGE
THIS IS FASCINATING. ALL THE METAL HERE IS LEAD OR LEAD-INSULATED!
HOW CAN YOU THINK OF SUCH THINGS, WHEN FLASH MAY BE DYING?
6-10
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I GUESS THE BLAST JUST KNOCKED YOU OUT!
OH, HOW WONDERFUL, FLASH--YOU'RE NOT KILLED!
HOW ARE YOU, OLD COMRADE?

SERIOUSLY HURT? SERVES THE MEDDLING FOOL RIGHT!
OH! POOR FLASH--
IN THE MINE BARRACKS COLONEL BANTO GETS WORD THAT FLASH HAS BEEN BOMBED.

I THOUGHT YOU WERE ANGRY AT FLASH, DALE--
WHAT DOES THAT MATTER, WHEN HE MAY BE DYING? HURRY, RODAN!
6-11

YES, THIS IS FLASH'S ROOM, BUT YOU CAN'T GO IN TILL THE DOCTORS ARE THROUGH WITH HIM
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I FEEL ALL RIGHT, NOW, DOCTOR!
YOUR RECOVERY IS AMAZING - WHAT A PHYSIQUE YOU HAVE!
6-12
WE MUST SEARCH THE MINE FOR PIGOR, BEFORE HE SETS-OFF ANY MORE BOMBS!
PLEASE, FLASH-- DON'T GO BACK INTO DANGER!
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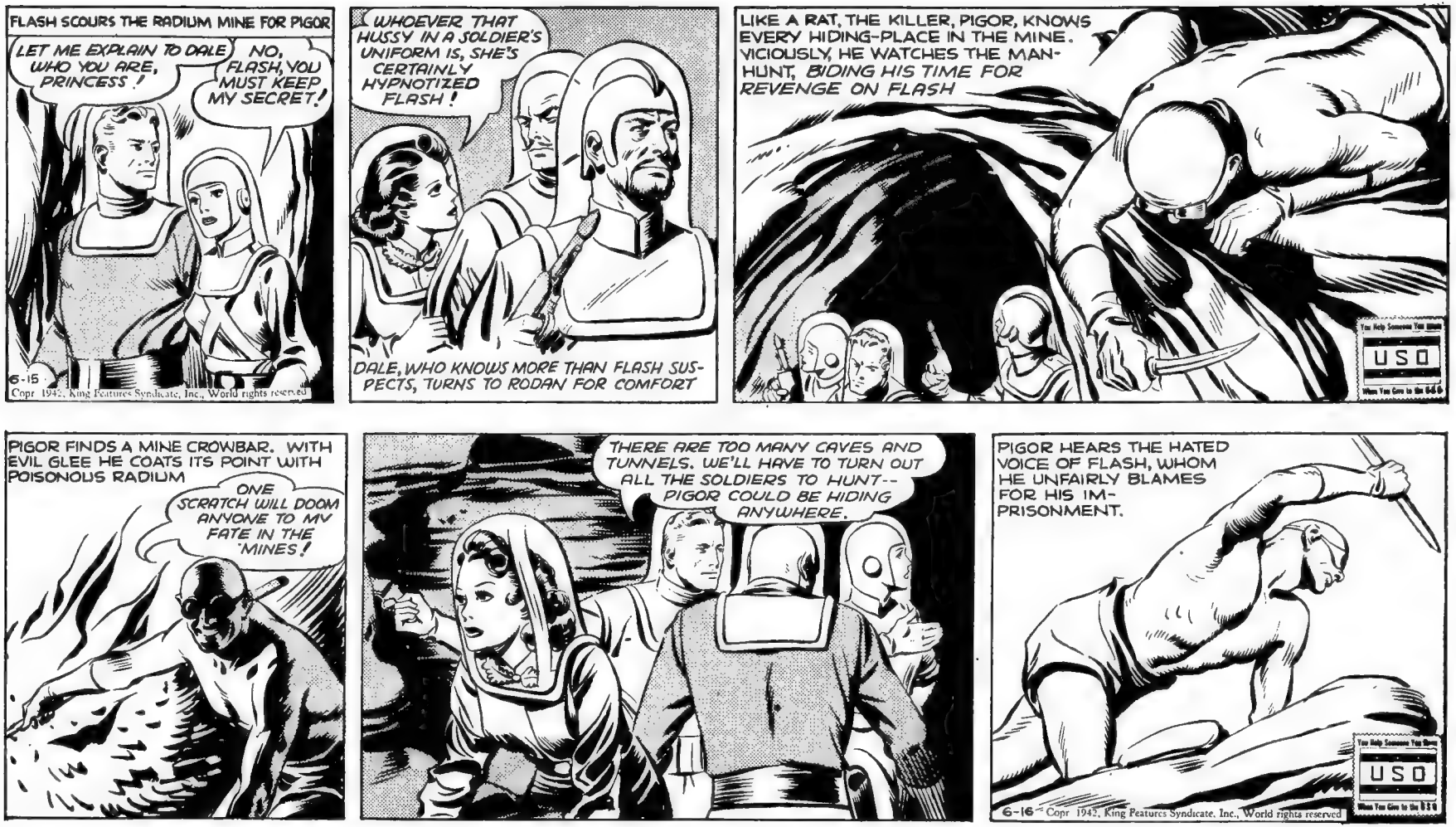
WHY, DALE, DID YOU COME TO SEE ME?
THEY SAID YOU WERE HURT BUT--WHAT IS THAT PERSON DOING HERE? MUST YOU TWO BE TOGETHER ALL THE TIME?
FLASH FEARS THAT DALE HAS PIERCED PRINCESS JOLIA'S DISGUISE
PLEASE TRUST ME. DON'T SAY ANYTHING--
I KNOW THAT YOUR-- FRIEND SAVED YOUR LIFE. WELL, YOU CAN HAVE YOUR FRIEND FOR ALL I CARE!
COL. BANTO, SEARCH THE ENTIRE MINE FOR THE TRAITOR-ASSASSIN!
FLASH CAN DO NOTHING TO WIN BACK DALE'S CONFIDENCE, SO HE THROWS HIMSELF INTO THE TASK OF TRACKING-DOWN PIGOR.
NEXT WEEK
THE RADIUM SPEAR!
6-13


FLASH SCOURS THE RADIUM MINE FOR PIGOR
LET ME EXPLAIN TO DALE WHO YOU ARE, PRINCESS!
NO, FLASH, YOU MUST KEEP MY SECRET!
6-15
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WHOEVER THAT HUSSY IN A SOLDIER'S UNIFORM IS, SHE'S CERTAINLY HYPNOTIZED FLASH!
DALE, WHO KNOWS MORE THAN FLASH SUSPECTS, TURNS TO RODAN FOR COMFORT
LIKE A RAT, THE KILLER, PIGOR, KNOWS EVERY HIDING-PLACE IN THE MINE. VICIOUSLY, HE WATCHES THE MAN-HUNT, BIDING HIS TIME FOR REVENGE ON FLASH
USO
PIGOR FINDS A MINE CROWBAR. WITH EVIL GLEE HE COATS ITS POINT WITH POISONOUS RADIUM
ONE SCRATCH WILL DOOM ANYONE TO MY FATE IN THE MINES!
THERE ARE TOO MANY CAVES AND TUNNELS. WE'LL HAVE TO TURN OUT ALL THE SOLDIERS TO HUNT-- PIGOR COULD BE HIDING ANYWHERE.
PIGOR HEARS THE HATED VOICE OF FLASH, WHOM HE UNFAIRLY BLAMES FOR HIS IM-PRISONMENT.
USO
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FLASH ALONE HAS KEEN ENOUGH SENSES TO HEAR PIGOR, AS THE KILLER MOVES TO LAUNCH HIS RADIUM-POISONED CROWBAR!

LOOK OUT, GIRLS!

FLASH SAVES BOTH DALE AND JOLIA WHO WERE IN THE PATH OF THE CROW-BAR, BUT HE PAYS A FEAR-FUL PRICE!
The Only Command You Know
USO
When You Give to the USO
6-17
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REVENGE! YOU'LL BE A RADIUM SLAVE, TOO, FLASH GORDON!
OH, HE HIT YOU!
YOU SAVED OUR LIVES!

NEVER MIND ME--THAT'S TOO LATE--GET THAT TRAITOR BEFORE HE DOES ANY MORE HARM!
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PIGOR GOT AWAY! THIS TUNNEL HAS A DOZEN BRANCHES, FLASH!
6-19
DON'T WASTE TIME ON PIGOR! WE MUST GET YOU TO THE DOCTORS AT ONCE.
IF HE'S SCRATCHED BY RADIUM, THERE'S NOTHING THE DOCTORS CAN DO.
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IT DOESN'T HURT. JUST A FUNNY BURNING FEELING
THAT MUST BE THE RADIUM POISONING TOO BAD--
DALE AND JOLIA FORCE FLASH TO GO TO THE HOSPITAL. DESPITE HIS WOUND, HE INSISTS ON WALKING.
DOCTOR, WE'RE AFRAID HE'S BEEN STABBED WITH A RADIUM-POINTED WEAPON.
BY TAO, DON'T BRING HIM IN HERE-- I MIGHT CATCH IT! TAKE HIM INTO THE LEAD-WALLED EMERGENCY-ROOM!
USO
THAT'S A NASTY CUT. IF THE WEAPON WAS RADIO-ACTIVE, I'M AFRAID YOU'RE DONE FOR--
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NEXT WEEK
FLASH'S FATE!
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THIS IS THE SPEAR THAT WOUNDED FLASH, DOCTOR!
GOOD--WE'LL TEST THE SPEAR FOR RADIO-ACTIVITY WITH THIS ELECTROSCOPE
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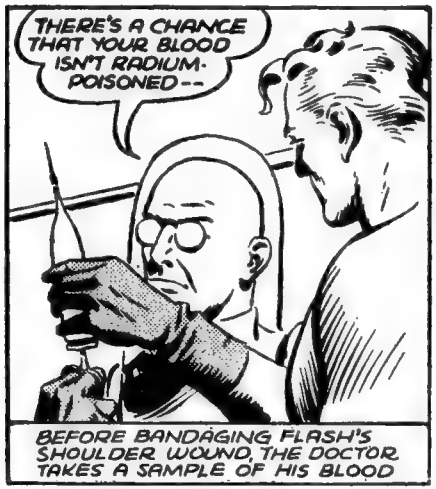
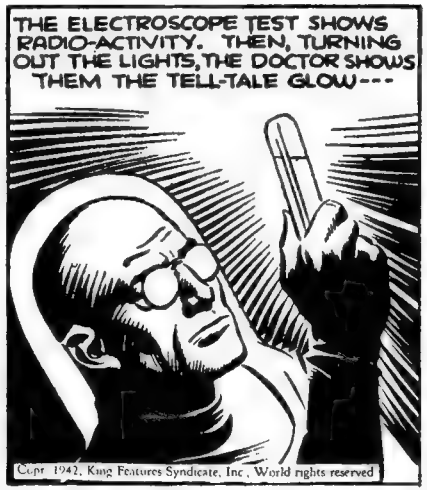
TAO HELP HIM, THE METAL IS RADIUM-POISONED!
OH, POOR FLASH!

THERE'S ONLY ONE HOPE OF A CURE-- IF THE RADIUM HASN'T GOT INTO YOUR BLOOD-STREAM. I'LL TEST THAT NEXT--
LOOKS AS IF I'M OUT OF LUCK, DOC.
OH, FLASH DARLING, THIS IS TERRIBLE!


THERE'S A CHANCE THAT YOUR BLOOD ISN'T RADIUM-POISONED--
BEFORE BANDAGING FLASH'S SHOULDER WOUND, THE DOCTOR TAKES A SAMPLE OF HIS BLOOD


THE ELECTROSCOPE TEST SHOWS RADIO-ACTIVITY. THEN, TURNING OUT THE LIGHTS, THE DOCTOR SHOWS THEM THE TELL-TALE GLOW---
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WHAT'S THAT? TURN ON THE LIGHTS!
DALE'S FAINTED!
6-23

STOP, FLASH!
DALE FAINTS AT THE SHOCK OF LEARNING THAT FLASH HAS BEEN RADIUM-POISONED AND IS DOOMED TO LIVE OUT HIS LIFE IN THE WEIRD WORLD OF THE RADIUM MINES
DON'T TOUCH HER--YOUR TOUCH WOULD POISON HER, TOO, IF THERE'S ANY BREAK IN HER IN-SULATED GARMENTS!

FLASH BEGINS TO REALIZE THE TRUE HORROR OF HIS FATE.
CARRY HER AWAY FROM HERE BEFORE SHE COMES-TO. TAKE CARE OF HER, RODAN. FAREWELL, DALE, MY DARLING!
USO
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RODAN CARRIES DALE TO THE MINE HEADQUARTERS BEFORE REVIVING HER.
MY POOR DEAR, YOU FAINTED WHEN YOU LEARNED OF FLASH'S FATE.
WHAT HAPPENED? WHERE AM I ?
6-25

LET ME GO TO HIM! I'LL SHARE HIS FATE IN THE RADIUM WORLD !
NO, YOU MUSTN'T SACRIFICE YOURSELF TO THAT LIFE OF HORROR !
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NO, ZARKOV, THERE'S ABSOLUTELY NO CURE. HE CAN ONLY LIVE BY STAYING IN THE RADIUM MINES AND BREATHING THE RADIUM-OZONIZED AIR!
FLASH, I PROMISE YOU I'LL DEVOTE MY LIFE TO FINDING A CURE !
LEAVING RODAN TO COMFORT DALE, IF HE CAN, THE SCIENTIST, ZARKOV, HURRIES TO FLASH

THESE GOGGLES WILL PROTECT YOUR EYES. THE RADIUM CANNOT HURT YOU NOW.
NO, IT HAS DONE ITS WORST-IT HAS SEPARATED ME FROM DALE FOREVER!
IF I CAN'T FIND A CURE, I'LL JOIN YOU IN YOUR RADIUM-WORLD EXILE!
NO, OLD FRIEND, YOU MUST CARRY ON THE WORK OF SENDING WEAPONS TO OUR WORLD-- AND TAKING CARE OF DALE!
YOU'LL BE ALL RIGHT. JUST STAY AROUND THE MINE. BUT REMEMBER, YOUR VERY TOUCH IS POISON TO ANYONE WHO ISN'T INSULATED IN A LEAD-MESH, LEAD-GLASS UNIFORM!
I'LL STAY WITH YOU, FLASH!
USO
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6-26
WELL, FLASH, SO YOU'RE NO BETTER OFF THAN A MINE SLAVE NOW. I TOLD YOU THAT YOU FOREIGNERS WOULDN'T LIKE OUR RADIUM WORLD!
I'VE BEEN PROMISING MYSELF THIS PLEASURE FOR SOMETIME, COLONEL BANTO!
I'LL HAVE TO KEEP AN EYE ON BANTO--WHAT DO YOU PLAN TO DO, FLASH?
I'M GOING TO HELP MINE RADIUM, SO OUR WORLD WILL HAVE WEAPONS TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM, ZARKOV!
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6-27
NEXT WEEK-AN EXILE IN A WORLD OF HORROR!!

HO, FLASH, YOU' NO BETTER OFF THAN ME, NOW, BLAST YOU!
FLASH, DOOMED BY RADIUM-POISONING TO SPEND THE REST OF HIS LIFE IN THE WEIRD AND HORRIBLE MINE WORLD, APPROACHES HIS FELLOW-EXILES, THE CONVICT-SLAVES.
6-29
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LET ME TEACH THE SLAVE SOME MANNERS WITH MY PARALYZO-RAY GUN!
NO, LET ME HANDLE THIS MY WAY, ZARKOV-
I'LL SHOW YOU HOW TO WELCOME ME, MY FRIEND!
GLOATING OVER FLASH'S TRAGIC EXILE TO THE MINE-WORLD, THE BURLY CONVICT, KOLAK, DECIDES TO FINISH THE JOB--
6-30
DON'T TELEGRAPH YOUR PUNCHES, CHUM!
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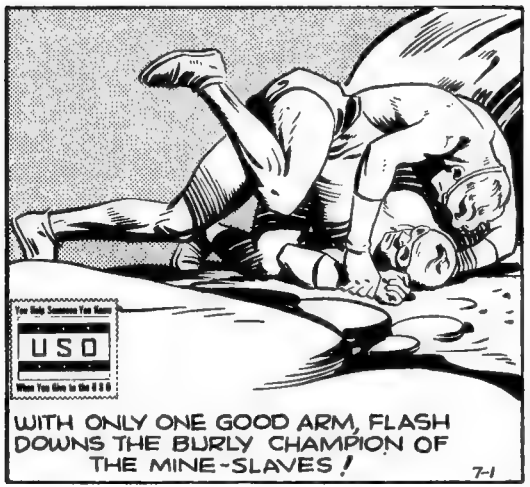
ZARKOV, YOU KEEP 'EM OUT OF THE RING, WHILE I TAKE CARE OF THIS BABY!
OKAY!


You Help Someone You Know
USO
When You Give to the USO
WITH ONLY ONE GOOD ARM, FLASH DOWNS THE BURLY CHAMPION OF THE MINE-SLAVES!
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HAD ENOUGH, KOLAK ?
YOU WIN! UGH-- ME GIVE UP! NO KILL ME!
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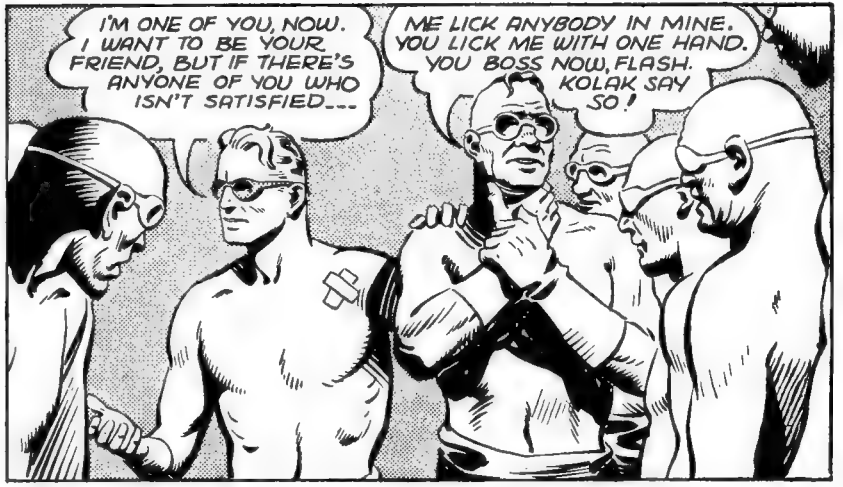
I'M ONE OF YOU, NOW. I WANT TO BE YOUR FRIEND, BUT IF THERE'S ANYONE OF YOU WHO ISN'T SATISFIED---
ME LICK ANYBODY IN MINE. YOU LICK ME WITH ONE HAND. YOU BOSS NOW, FLASH. KOLAK SAY SO!

KOLAK, YOU AND I AND OUR FELLOW-MINERS WILL SHOW ALL MONGO HOW FAST WE CAN PRODUCE RADIUM!
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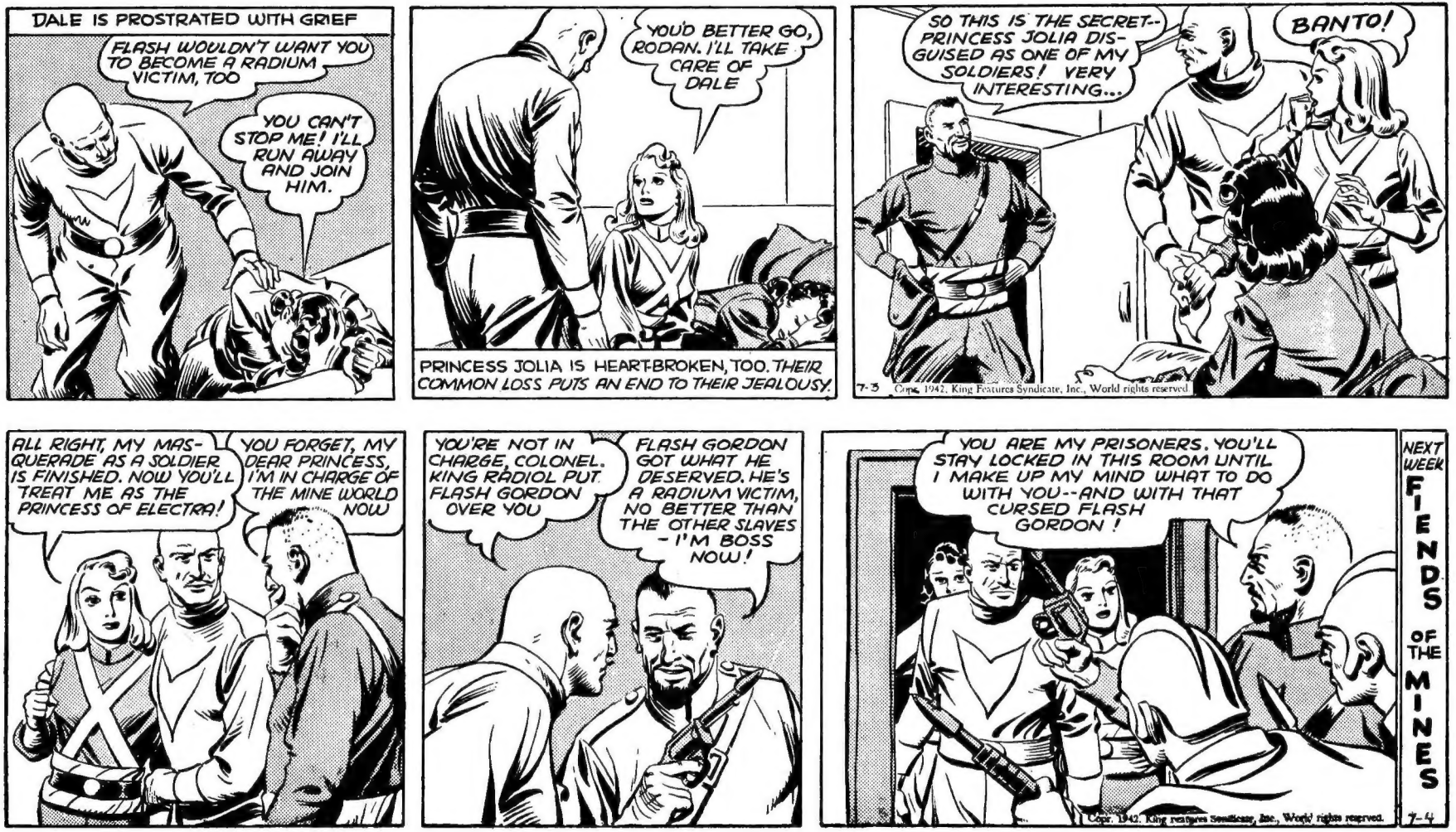
7-2

'RAY!
HURRAH FOR FLASH!
FLASH SWIFTLY WINS THE LOYALTY OF THE MINERS, HARD-BOILED CRIMINALS AND SLAVES. HE MAKES THEM FEEL LIKE FREE MEN AGAIN.

You Help Someone You Know
USO
When You Give to the USO
I'LL SPEND MY LIFE FINDING A CURE FOR HIM!
BUT ZARKOV, STRONG MAN THAT HE IS, WEEPS TO SEE HOW BRAVELY FLASH IS BEARING HIS LIFE SENTENCE TO THE HORRIBLE RADIUM WORLD.


DALE IS PROSTRATED WITH GRIEF
FLASH WOULDN'T WANT YOU TO BECOME A RADIUM VICTIM, TOO
YOU CAN'T STOP ME! I'LL RUN AWAY AND JOIN HIM.
YOU'D BETTER GO, RODAN. I'LL TAKE CARE OF DALE
PRINCESS JOLIA IS HEART-BROKEN, TOO. THEIR COMMON LOSS PUTS AN END TO THEIR JEALOUSY.
SO THIS IS THE SECRET-- PRINCESS JOLIA DISGUISED AS ONE OF MY SOLDIERS! VERY INTERESTING...
BANTO!
7-3
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ALL RIGHT, MY MASQUERADE AS A SOLDIER IS FINISHED. NOW YOU'LL TREAT ME AS THE PRINCESS OF ELECTRA!
YOU FORGET, MY DEAR PRINCESS, I'M IN CHARGE OF THE MINE WORLD NOW
YOU'RE NOT IN CHARGE, COLONEL. KING RADIOL PUT FLASH GORDON OVER YOU
FLASH GORDON GOT WHAT HE DESERVED. HE'S A RADIUM VICTIM, NO BETTER THAN THE OTHER SLAVES - I'M BOSS NOW!
YOU ARE MY PRISONERS. YOU'LL STAY LOCKED IN THIS ROOM UNTIL I MAKE UP MY MIND WHAT TO DO WITH YOU--AND WITH THAT CURSED FLASH GORDON!
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NEXT WEEK
FIENDS OF THE MINES
7-4

THIS IS MY CHANCE TO WIN REAL POWER. KING RADIOL DOESN'T KNOW WHERE HIS DAUGHTER IS!
COL. BANTO LOCKS UP DALE, RODAN AND PRINCESS JOLIA....
STAND GUARD HERE. LET NO ONE IN OR OUT.
You Help Someone You Know
USO
When You Give to the USO
LET ME OUT! HOW DARE YOU IMPRISON ME, THE PRINCESS OF ELECTRA?
TAKE IT EASY, JOLIA. BANTO HAS GONE SO FAR THAT HE WOULDN'T STOP AT KILLING YOU, NOW.
I'M AFRAID HE PLANS TO DO SOMETHING TERRIBLE TO POOR FLASH!
7-6
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KEEPING DALE AND JOLIA PRISONERS, COL. BANTO HEADS FOR THE MINE.
NOW TO TAKE CARE OF MY OTHER FOE, FLASH GORDON!
LET'S GO, FELLOWS! SHOW THEM HOW MUCH WE CAN DO- EVERY BIT OF THIS STUFF MEANS WEAPONS TO FREE THE WORLD!
FLASH IS BUSY LEADING HIS FELLOW-VICTIMS OF RADIUM POISONING IN SUPERHUMAN EFFORTS TO SPEED UP THE MINE'S PRODUCTION
7-7
LOOK AT THE FOOL, WORKING AWAY, DOOMED TO STAY IN THAT INFERNO! WHY SHOULD I KILL HIM? DEATH WOULD BE TOO PLEASANT A RELEASE FOR HIM!
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I'LL DEVOTE MY LIFE TO CURING FLASH, SO HE CAN LEAVE THE RADIUM MINES
I TELL YOU, THERE IS NO CURE BUT DEATH, ZARKOV
7-8

ZARKOV GOES BACK INTO THE MINE TO VISIT HIS DOOMED COMRADE
WHY DO YOU WANT A SAMPLE OF MY BLOOD, OLD MAN?
FOR TESTS AND EXPERIMENTS I'M ON THE TRACK OF A CURE--
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MY GREATEST TRAGEDY IS THAT NEVER AGAIN CAN I HOLD DALE IN MY ARMS WE'RE DOOMED TO LIVE AND DIE IN SEPARATE WORLDS!
FLASH PRETENDS TO BE CHEERED, BUT HE KNOWS ZARKOV'S HOPES ARE FALSE. BACK IN THE WORKERS' BARRACKS, HE FACES THE GRIM TRUTH---

MY EXPERIMENTS SHOW THIS TREATMENT WILL EITHER CURE YOUR RADIUM POISONING--- OR KILL YOU WILL YOU TAKE THE CHANCE?
I'M NOT REALLY LIVING WHEN I'M PARTED FROM DALE BY THIS BARRIER, SO GO AHEAD, ZARKOV!
7-9
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ZARKOV TRIES TO FREE FLASH'S BLOOD STREAM FROM THE RADIUM DOOM. ONE MISTAKE SPELLS DEATH!

IT'S AMAZING! THE CURE WORKS!
I OWE YOU MORE THAN MY LIFE, ZARKOV!

NOW THE MINE DOCTOR CAN TREAT ALL THE OTHER RADIUM WORKERS!
YES--AND NOW I'M GOING TO SEE DALE AGAIN! SHE'S JUST ON THE OTHER SIDE OF THAT DOOR!
7-10

THAT TRAITOR, BANTO!
KEEP DALE AND PRINCESS JOLIA LOCKED UP!
YES, COLONEL BANTO
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BY TAO, HOW DID YOU GET HERE?
I CAME TO TEACH YOU A LESSON, BANTO!

FURIOUS AT BANTO'S TREACHERY, FLASH SWIFTLY OVER-POWERS HIM AND HURRIES TO FREE DALE.

I'M CURED, DALE!
OH, MY DARLING! I WAS AFRAID I'D NEVER SEE YOU AGAIN!
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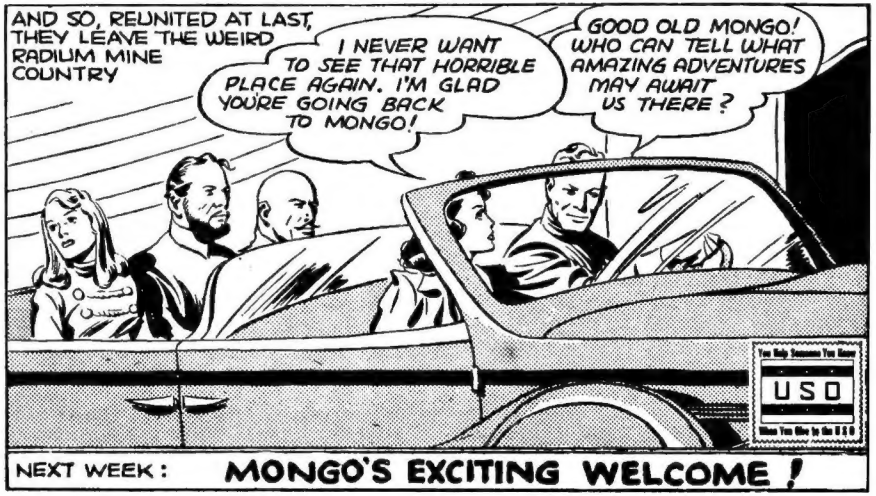
AND SO, REUNITED AT LAST, THEY LEAVE THE WEIRD RADIUM MINE COUNTRY
I NEVER WANT TO SEE THAT HORRIBLE PLACE AGAIN. I'M GLAD YOU'RE GOING BACK TO MONGO!
GOOD OLD MONGO! WHO CAN TELL WHAT AMAZING ADVENTURES MAY AWAIT US THERE?
USO
NEXT WEEK: MONGO'S EXCITING WELCOME!